



Weekly Information & Communication



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## **Rollout of M-SPIRIT Version 2.21**

On Tuesday, November 25th we will be rolling out the latest version of SPIRIT (2.21). On Wednesday morning when you log on, please be prepared to let the updates load. We did not have an opportunity to provide training on this version at the conference call in November, however there are just a couple of areas of the program where you will notice the difference. Please see the attached [screen shot](#) with associated instructions for new features in SPIRIT. There are also several bug fixes in this roll out which are described [here](#). For questions on the health information screen (pregnant and breastfeeding), please contact Kate (444-4747). For other questions about this roll out, please contact the help desk (444-2740).

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## **Over Issuance**

Over issuance will be late this month as Leah will be out of the office the first week in December. You can expect to receive it the week of December 8, 2014.

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## **March of Dimes Grant Application**

The [March of Dimes Community Grant application](#) is available. The deadline for applications has been extended to December 19th, but March of Dimes may extend it to December 31st. The application also requires a [Budget](#) and [Objectives/Outcomes](#) form.

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## **On-line Parenting Resource: Simple Steps for Parents of Preschoolers**

Rutgers University, University of Arizona, Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey, and USDA have teamed up to produce a series of program guides with quick tips and fun ideas from experts and other parents that help preschoolers' parents make small, simple changes at home. Each of 12 free monthly Healthy HomeStyles guides - designed especially for busy parents on tight budgets - gives simple, no-cost tips for changes to help achieve parents' own goals, such as calmer bedtime routines, fuss-free mealtimes, or a safer kitchen. Check out the [website](#) and share the link with your participants.

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## Join or Renew NWA

The [National WIC Association](#) is accepting new memberships and renewals of memberships of local agency programs for 2015. It really is a bargain. All of our local agencies are in the tier of 1-7,000 participants. [Check it out](#) and join or renew today.

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## Opening for a WIC CPA in Billings

Gayle Espeseth at RiverStone WIC has an opening for a WIC CPA. If you know of an interested individual or you are interested, contact [Gayle](#) or call 406-247-3344.



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